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SUBJECT NICSMA VACANCY: CIVILIAN ENGINEER QUALITY ASSURANCE,
QUALITY ASSURANCE BRANCH, SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION
DIVISION (A.3)

1. SUBJECT VACANCY HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY NATO WITH CLOSING
DATE FOR NOMINATIONS OF 17 DECEMBER 1976. CPO NSSG (US)
EVALUATES THE POSITION TO BE FOR A QUALITY ASSURANCE
SPECIALIST (ELECTRONICS) GS-1910-13.

2. USNATO RECOMMENDS THAT AS AN EXCEPTION THE US NOMINATE
FOR THE A.3 POST. PRESENTLY THERE ARE NO US QUALITY ASSURANCE
PERSONNEL IN NICSMA. OF THE PRESENT MAJOR NICSMA CONTRACTS,
IVSN, TARE, SATCOM III SPACE SEGMENT, AND SSIP, THREE OF THE
FOUR ARE WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES AND OVER 70 PERCENT OF THE
PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED IN THE US. THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACT FOR
A FIFTH MAJOR PROJECT, SATCOM III GROUND SEGMENT, WILL PROBABLY
BE WITH A US COMPANY AND AT LEAST 67 PERCENT OF THE
PRODUCTS WILL BE PRODUCED BY US COMPANIES. THESE
CONTRACTS WILL BE ON-GOING FOR THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS.
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IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF NICSMA, AS WELL AS THE US, THAT A
PERSON SKILLED IN AMERICAN QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY
CONTROL STANDARDS BE PART OF THE NICSMA QUALITY ASSURANCE
TEAM. THE US HANDLES QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR NICS CONTRACTS

DIFFERENTLY THAN DO THE OTHER NATO NATIONS. SINCE THE NICSMA QA STANDARDS ARE NORMALLY IN LINE WITH THOSE ENDORSED BY THE US, A US MEMBER OF THE NICSMA QUALITY ASSURANCE TEAM COULD MAKE FOR SMOOTHER AND MORE EFFECTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN NICSMA AND US QUALITY ASSURANCE PERSONNEL. ALSO, A US QUALITY ASSURANCE PERSON COULD LEND HIS EXPERTISE TO CONTRACTORS FROM OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. THE US HAS DEVELOPED MORE DETAILED PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO QUALITY ASSURANCE THAN ANY OTHER NATION. A US TRAINED QUALITY ASSURANCE PERSON WOULD GENERALLY HAVE A MORE THOROUGH, CONCISE APPROACH THAN ONE FROM ANOTHER NATION WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE THE EXPERTISE AND BACKGROUND IN DEALING WITH THE MANY FACETS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE.

3. NATO POST DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEST:

DIVISION: SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION, QUALITY ASSURANCE BRANCH

TITLE: CIVILIAN ENGINEER QUALITY ASSURANCE

GRADE: A.3

DUTIES: RESPONSIBLE TO CHIEF QUALITY ASSURANCE BRANCH FOR:

-ASSISTING IN THE PREPARATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL ESTABLISH THE IN-HOUSE AND EXTERNAL QA REGULATIONS WHICH SHALL APPLY DURING THE NICS DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION;

-SUPERVISING AND AUDIT DUTIES IN COLLABORATION WITH NATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES IN RESPECT TO QC/QA ACTIVITIES AT CONTRACTOR'S AND SUB-CONTRACTOR'S PLANTS AND ON FIELD SITES WHERE THE NICS PROGRAMME IS IN COURSE OF IMPLEMENTATION;

-LIAISON WITH NATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES. THIS WILL INVOLVE PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS AND DEALING WITH ROUTINE QA
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BUSINESS BY CORRESPONDENCE AND THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS;

-PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE OTHER QA FUNCTIONS FOR WHICH THE NICSMA QA ORGANISATION IS RESPONSIBLE.

QUALIFICATIONS: AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION IN RADIO ELECTRONICS OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND/OR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF A RECOGNISED ENGINEERING INSTITUTE. SHALL HAVE HAD ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE IN MESSAGE SWITCHING SYSTEMS. SHALL PREFERABLY HAVE HELD A POSITION DEALING WITH QUALITY CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE IN INDUSTRY OR IN A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. SHALL PREFERABLY HAVE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE OF NATO QUALITY CONTROL AND QUALITY ASSURANCE STANDARDS AND RECOM-

MENDED PROCEDURES AND THEIR APPLICATION IN NATO COUNTRIES.

FLUENT IN ONE OF THE TWO NATO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHER. (NOTE: FOR INFORMATION, THE WORK, BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN, IN THIS POST, AND IN NICSMA AS A WHOLE, IS CONDUCTED MAINLY IN ENGLISH).

NOTE: THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE OFFERED A LIMITED DURATION CONTRACT NOT EXCEEDING THREE YEARS DURATION WHICH MAY BE RENEWED BY MUTUAL CONSENT. END TEXT.

4. SUGGESTED SOURCES FOR RECRUITMENT:

-PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICES AT NAVY ELECTRONICS COMMAND, CRYSTAL CITY, VIRGINIA, AND USAF ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS DIVISION, HANSCOM FIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

-ROBINS AFB, GEORGIA.

-USA ELECTRONICS COMMAND, FORT MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

-TEST AND EVALUATION COMMANDS OF EACH ARMED SERVICE.

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